

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held January 9th, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Benton Town Hall Conference Room, 1000 Route 14A, Penn Yan NY 14527.

Board Present: Supervisor John Prendergast
 Councilmen Richard Harper, Deputy
 Brian Murphy
 Alan Tomion
 Glenn Quackenbush

Also Present: Jeff Mann – Highway Supt., Bobbi Wolfe – Town Clerk, Jayson Hoover –
 Zoning/Water.

Public Present: John Christensen – Chronicle Express, George Thompson and Grant Downs from
 the Town of Torrey.

Supervisor Prendergast opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the December 12th, 2018 minutes with corrections. Motion was carried.

Old Business:

Water District # 1 Extension Update: The town received an e-mail from engineer, Jeremy Delyser stating “With the Federal Government shutdown, we’d like to get the Pre-Construction Meeting scheduled and potentially start construction by the end of January”. Meeting availability for either Tuesday 1/15 or Wednesday 1/16 at the Benton Town Hall. Jeff Mann stated that the NYSDOT was at the project location this past week.

Town of Torrey – Water District # 1: Grant Downs, Town of Torrey board members requested that Torrey will need a water agreement between them and the Town of Benton in the near future. For the Board’s information, the Town of Torrey passed a resolution at their meeting 1/8/19 “Order to Establish WD # 1”.

Justice Audit: Glenn Quackenbush and Richard Harper conducted a Justice audit for the years 2017-2018. They found very minimal issues and stated that court clerk, Lydia Pidlisny is doing an excellent Job. Motion was made by Brian Murphy seconded by Alan Tomion to accept the Justice Audit for the Years 2017-2018 to be forwarded to the NYS Office of Court Administration. Motion was carried.

GoDaddy: Councilman, Richard Harper met with a representative from GoDaddy and implemented the 365 e-mail program. Each user will receive an e-mail 1/14/19 with instructions to download. The cost of the program is \$1077.05, they also offered an additional back up for \$60.00/Per user which was declined.

Logging: Benton received a quote from Percentage Logging, William Brown from Watkins Glen for approximately 230 trees to be logged out of the gravel pit. Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Brian Murphy approving the quote. Motion was carried. Mr. Brown will be contacted for a copy of their insurance.

Town of Geneva: Received a grant in the amount of \$2,862,236 for improvements to increase capacity of the town's water plant at Kashong Point and the storage facilities in the Town of Seneca. This will allow increased supply to Geneva/Seneca/Benton and eventually the town of Torrey. The work will take place over the next two years. The town of Benton submitted a letter of support during the process.

Benton Vol Fire Dept: The fire department submitted their 2019 budget with an approximate cost of \$8325.00 for the "Cancer Disability Benefit Act". The policy came in at \$4384.00, \$3941.00 less than expected. Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Brian Murphy requesting the Benton Vol Fire Department hold that money as a credit for the 2020 budget. Motion was carried.

Resolution:

#1-2019: Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush approving the NYS Retirement corrected (ROA) for the Standard Work Day and Reporting, current term beginning and end. Motion was carried.

Monthly Reports and Abstract of Vouchers:

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Richard Harper to approve the following: (Abstract 13) General (A) Claims 211-226 Totaling \$4327.18, General (B) Claims 36-37 Totaling \$121.97, Highway (DA) Claims 145-154 Totaling \$3021.41, Highway (DB) Claims 231-232 Totaling \$247.53, SW1 Claims 63-68 Totaling \$1285.57, SW2 Claims 97-101 Totaling \$1173.92, SW3 Claims 55-60 Totaling \$3261.06. (Abstract # 1) General (A) Claims 1-12 Totaling \$4702.48, General (B) Claims 200-201 Totaling 788.73, Highway (DA) Claims 1-3 Totaling \$47,417.25, Highway (DB) Claim 200 Totaling \$800.28, SW2 Claims 1-4 Totaling \$1275.60, SW3 Claim 1 Totaling \$172.96. Town Clerk – Highway – Zoning/Water Reports. Motion was carried.

Jayson Hoover suggested having a meeting with the building committee Tuesday 1/15/19 afternoon at 2:00 P.M. The meeting will include Brian Murphy, Jayson Hoover, Glenn Quackenbush and Jeff Mann.

Brian Murphy also informed the board that the town of Benton hall is not designated as an emergency disaster location. (Previous minutes, discussion was held on the possibility of using the existing kitchen for a new zoning/water office. If it was an emergency location. no changes could be made to the kitchen).

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M. Motion was carried.

Dated: January 11, 2019
Bobbi Wolfe
Benton Town Clerk, RMC

ADOPTED: February 13th, 2019